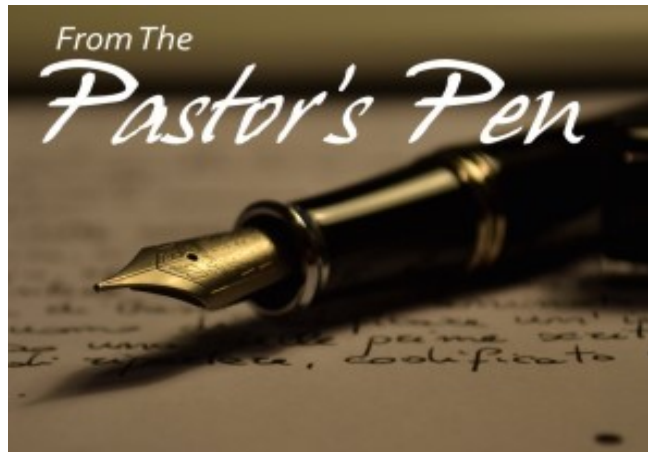


The MEMORIAL MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2020



Happy Easter!

(Scott must have lost his mind. Easter was way back in April.) Well yes, but did we get the opportunity to celebrate with our church? No, by that time Covid 19 had us restricted from our annual celebration which is the church's primary celebration of the year.

In the early church, the resurrection was celebrated every Lord's day. Once a year there was a great remembrance which was based on the Jewish feast of Passover, the biggest remembrance of the Jewish calendar. While we didn't get to observe the commemoration in April, the Lord has provided way for it now.

On Sunday September 6th, we will gather at the Jones farm at 500 Suzanne Drive Clinton at 10:30am to worship and celebrate our risen Savior. Because of the times we live in, there are a few things we must do to insure the health and safety of all. I ask for your cooperation in order to make this happen.

1. Masks must be worn from the time you exit your cars until you return to your cars to leave. Once we are properly distanced in the place of worship individual discretion will be allowed.
2. Social distancing will be enforced. 6-8 feet of distance, air hugs only (or air hi fives, waving, is great) You are asked to sit with your immediate family group. Exceptions would be made for those who have chosen a friend who has spent the time of isolation with. Again, common sense!
3. There will be no congregational singing programmed. While this hurts us all, it is one of those activities that puts us all at high risk. There will be lots of music however.
4. If you are feeling sick, stay home. There will be other opportunities.
5. In case of inclement weather, we may have to cancel, however we do have a second date set for September 20th!
6. Bring: a lawn chair, MASK, and hand sanitizer.

This week there will not be a fancy video online, but there will be a video posted of the Sunday morning gathering.

See you on the mountain top!

Scott

HAPPY Labor Day



LABOR DAY is a U.S. national holiday held the first Monday every September. Unlike most U.S. holidays, it is a strange celebration without rituals, except for shopping and barbecuing. For most people it simply marks the last weekend of summer and the start of the school year.

The holiday's founders in the late 1800s **envisioned something very different** from what the day has become. The founders were looking for two things: a means of unifying union workers and a reduction in work time.

Labor Day came about because workers felt they were spending too many hours and days on the job. In the 1830s, **manufacturing workers** were putting in 70-hour weeks on average. Sixty years later, in 1890,

hours of work had dropped, although the average manufacturing worker still toiled in a factory 60 hours a week.

These long working hours caused many union organizers to focus on winning a shorter **eight-hour work day**. They also focused on getting workers more days off, such as the Labor Day holiday, and reducing the **workweek to just six days**.

These early organizers clearly won since the most recent data show that the average person working in manufacturing is **employed for a bit over 40 hours a week** and most people work only five days a week.

The original holiday was meant to handle a problem of long working hours and no time off. Although the battle over these issues would seem to have been won long ago, this issue is starting to come back with a vengeance, not for manufacturing workers but for highly skilled white-collar workers, many of whom are constantly connected to work.

If **you work all the time** and never really take a vacation, start a new ritual that honors the original spirit of Labor Day. Give yourself the day off. Don't go in to work. Shut off your phone, computer and other electronic devices connecting you to your daily grind. Then go to a **barbecue**, like the original participants did over a century ago, and celebrate having at least one day off from work during the year!

So, Now you Know. Happy Labor Day!!

REMEMBER TO PRAY

For our Extended at home family members. For our Pastor, Our Church and Church Families. Pray for our Nation as we struggle with fighting this pandemic. Pray for our first responders, our doctors & medical professional that are on the front lines trying to preserve life. Pray for our Service Men, Women, and their families at this un-nerving time both at home and abroad, Pray for your neighbors, Pray for our School teachers and all the staff required to keep schools going in this trying time,

JUST PRAY

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God."
Philippians 4:6

And a big SHOUT-OUT to Gibby Seals and Family for the blessing of another granddaughter, Born June 10th, 2020

Halle Gibson Seals



Pictured with big sister Nola.

Dear Memorial Church Family,

My name is Patty Shoemaker and I am Sarah and Jim Ern's youngest daughter. I teach kindergarten at Clinton Elementary. I wanted to thank you all SO much for your kind and generous donations. I am overwhelmed (but not surprised) at your thoughtfulness! I have a very well-stocked classroom and room of happy kids thanks to you. I look forward to a great school year and appreciate your part in getting started off so well! Thank you again!!!

Love, Patty

Trustee News

The Trustees welcome any help with the lawn and garden of the church. If you can rake, prune, or trim—please do. There are 3 small magnolias growing on the property that need to be dug up and transplanted to anyone wishing to purchase them. We also kept the old double door from the Hicks Street entrance, to put up for sale. We will offer the doors first to members. If no one wishes to purchase them, they may be placed for sale during the Fall Antique Festival, or placed on Facebook Market Place. If you are interested in any of these items, please email your bid Nancy Thrasher at thrashernl@msn.com. Bids will be taken until September 15th. Bids start at \$25.00 each tree, and the double door is \$150.00. The money would go towards the new carpet, or painting the connecting hallway.

Thank you,
Nancy Thrasher

Birthdays for September 2020

09/02 Mollie Farrar

09/05 Zavie Ford

09/08 Joe Rainey

09/10 Sarah Burton

09/10 Stone Hatmaker

09/11 Joni Simmons

09/12 Will Stonecipher

09/16 Jim Ern Medley

09/17 Grace Schrider

09/18 Ruth Layton

09/20 Lillie Kay Reed

09/24 Libby Freels

09/25 Scott Rhea

09/26 Sarah Medley

09/28 Judy Foster

09/28 John Gamble

09/29 Nicole Flanders

09/29 Nancy Harper

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday Memorial Members, Happy Birthday to you!



Since we cannot Hug any of these Birthday people due to
“you know what”, let’s continue our Birthday Card campaign,
especially for those homebound or in assisted living facilities.

MEMORIALS

In Memory /Honor of:

Given by:

Requested Fund:

Frank Layton	Carroll & Linda Walker, Talbot	General Memorials
Frank Layton	Sarah & Jim Ern Medley	Ida Gamble Scholarship
Frank Layton	Drexel & Barbara Tiller, Maryville	General Memorials
Frank Layton	Jeanne Moore & Gerry Chamberlain	General Memorials
Frank Layton	Mark, Donna & Corey Medley	Ida Gamble Scholarship
Frank Layton	Ellie Green	Food Pantry
Betty Gray	Ellie Green	Food Pantry
Frank Layton	Bill & Ouida Steinkamp	General Memorials
Betty Gray	Bill & Ouida Steinkamp	Youth Ministries
Frank Layton	Walland United Methodist Church	General Memorials
Frank Layton	Rebecca Williams	General Memorials
Frank Layton	Betty Martin & Jill Berry, Sevierville	Sanctuary Remodel
Frank Layton	Peggy Burton & Laura Kramer	Ida Gamble Scholarship
Frank Layton	V.L. & Pat Stonecipher	Sanctuary Remodel
Jim Moore	V.L. & Pat Stonecipher	Sanctuary Remodel
Frank Layton	Deane & Sutton Kay	Ida Gamble Scholarship
Frank Layton	Betty Robbins, Clinton	General Memorials
Jim Moore	Betty & Charles Lyons, Clinton	Sanctuary Remodel
Frank Layton	Richard & Melissa Snead	General Music Fund
Donna Irwin	Johnanna Sprague	Sanctuary Remodel
Donna Irwin, Ferris Wood	Karen & Buford Bray	General Memorials
Betty Gray, Frank Layton	Karen & Buford Bray	General Memorials
Betty Gray	Otto Briscoe	Ida Gamble Scholarship
Jim Moore	Gary & Paula Morris, Lenoir City	Sanctuary Remodel
Jim Moore	Betty, Don Dowden & Ray, Jean Bagwell	Sanctuary Remodel
Jim Moore	Mary & John Covell, Colorado	Sanctuary Remodel
Frank Layton	Winki Watkins	Ida Gamble Scholarship
Jim Moore	Sarah & Jim Ern Medley	General Memorials

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